

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) TOPIC Briesen Airfield

EVALUATION 25X1C PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A  
 DATE OF CONTENT 27 August to 12 September 1951  
 DATE OBTAINED 25X1C DATE PREPARED 10 October 1951  
 REFERENCES 25X1A  
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 REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

1. Between 27 August and 9 September 1951, the Soviet tractor brigade at Briesen airfield still numbered about 80 men. The brigade was assigned to clear away timber in the eastern approach lane and level it. About 40 per cent of the trees had been cut. No work was being done in the western approach lane.
2. During the period of observation, 400 to 500 laborers were dismissed. Concreting of the runway was completed. The Torgau Hoch und Tiefbaugesellschaft (Civil Engineering) excavated mud. About one third of the strip adjacent on north side of the runway, which had been covered with mud, was being sown with grass. Peat and mud was spread on the turning aprons at the ends of the runway. No further work has been performed there. The taxiway south of the runway was about 90 per cent concreted. Some of the dispersal areas along the taxiway were being concreted and all were graded. No work was being done on lighting facilities or on a fuel dump.
3. All of the low brick buildings in Jagen 59 and 60 (forest sub-areas) were being covered with two layers of cardboard. Stoves made of Dutch tiles were being installed in the officers' billets, and the EM quarters were being painted inside and provided with brick stoves.
4. Tripod derricks were used for drilling in low and soft spots in Jagen 59 outside the field. It could not be determined what was being drilled for.
5. On 12 September, 25X1C a laborer at the field that the 80 x 2,000 meter runway was completed, that a concrete taxiway with dispersal areas ran around the field, and that no hangars or splinter-proof aircraft revetments were available. \*

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 \* 25X1C Comment. From the status of construction observed, it is believed that the target date for the completion of the runway and taxiway which was fixed on 1 October 1951 will be met. 25X1A, the runway will be 80 x 2,800 meters. Construction on hangars and barracks installations has not started. There are no indications that the field will be occupied by an air unit soon. However, it is believed that the airfield will be used by an air unit during the fall maneuvers. According to the size of the dispersal areas along the taxiway,

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it is probably planned that a unit equipped with twin-engine aircraft  
will occupy the airfield. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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